THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) Zoo Health Advisory Committee has been constituted by the Government for National Zoological Park, New Delhi, being a subordinate organisation of the Central Government.

(b) and (c) Most of the zoos are owned by the State Governments and Municipal Corporations. State Government have been requested to constitute Zoo Health Advisory Committee on the lines of National Zoological Park. One such committee has already been constituted at Nandan Kanan Zoological Park in Orissa.

Environmental action by corporate sector

1074. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a study, DISHA, conducted by the Tata Energy Research Institute;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the study has found that many corporates do not take environmental action;

(c) if so, what are the details of the study; and

(d) what action is proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (d) The Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI) New Delhi, had undertaken a study sponsored by corporate houses and has come out with a report entitled "Directions, Innovations and Strategies for Harnessing Action for Sustainable Development (DISHA)". The report brings out the various issues and concerns related to corporate responsibilities and environmental performance by different industrial corporate bodies as well as policies, strategies for a more sustainable model of development in the country.

The report brings out certain important directions and strategies especially in the areas of the environmental governance, market based instruments, and for transport sector and industrial sectors such as coal, oil and gas. The report has also dealt with various causes of degradation of the quality of water, air, land and biodiversity and has suggested strategies and directions for managing these resources in a sustainable manner.

Some of the suggestions and strategies contained in the report have already been reflected in the policies and regulations of the Government. The Government has also taken steps in the areas of clean technology, vehicular pollution, reduction of green house gases, etc. Various activities have been taken up under the World Bank assisted "Environmental Management Capacity Building Project" to make the process of environmental clearance more effective.

Corruption in forest management

1075. SHRI URKHAO GWAR BRAHMA: Will the Minsiter of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that thousands of indigenous people of Assam have become homeless due to the ongoing eviction operation, in the name of clearance of forest land;

(b) whether it is a fact the large scale department corruption in management of forests is responsible for the present degradation of forest properties in Assam; and

(c) if so, whether Government would institute any Commission to enquire into the departmetnal corruption?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) No. Sir. The Government of Assam has reported that only encroachers in Reserved Forests have been evicted.

(b) No such information has been reported.

(c) Does not arise.

Protection of rare species in Manipur

1076. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minsiter of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rare brow-antlered deer Sangai and several varieties of birds available in Manipur are on the verge of extinction; and

(b) if so, the action taken to protect the rare species from extinction?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The population of Sangai in Keibul Lumjao National